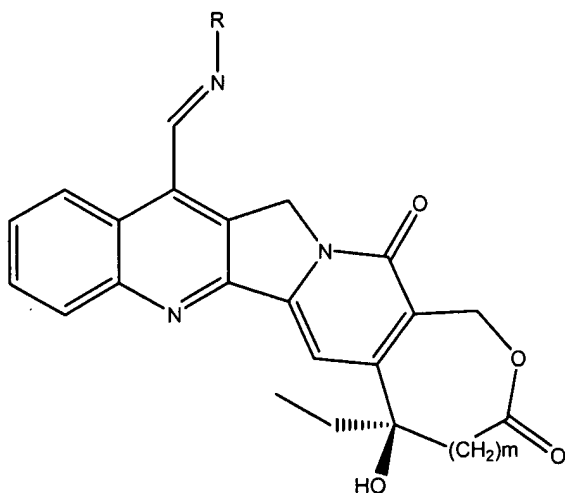


AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

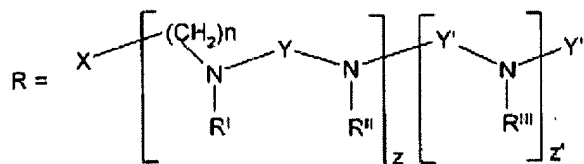
This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1.-14. (Canceled).

15. (New) A compound with a general formula (I)



in which



m is the number 0 or 1;

Z and Z' are an integer ranging from 0 to 2 when they are different or are an integer ranging from 1 to 2 when they are the same;

Y and Y', which can be the same or different, are $(\text{CH}_2)_{n1}$; $(\text{CH}_2)_{n2}\text{-CH}[\text{NR}^{\text{VII}}(\text{CH}_2)_{n4}\text{-NHR}^{\text{I}}]\text{-(CH}_2)_{n3}$; $\text{CH}_2\text{-CH}[\text{CH}_2\text{-CH}_2]_2\text{-}$ or $(\text{CH}_2)_{n2}\text{-N}[(\text{CH}_2)_{n4}\text{-NHR}^{\text{IV}}]\text{-(CH}_2)_{n3}$;

Y" is selected from the group consisting of H; cycloalkyl C3-C7; $(\text{CH}_2)_{n5}\text{-N}[\text{CH}_2\text{-CH}_2]_2\text{N-(CH}_2)_{n6}\text{NHR}^{\text{V}}$; $(\text{CH}_2)_{n7}\text{CH}[\text{CH}_2\text{-CH}_2]_2\text{NR}^{\text{V}}$;

X is O, or is a simple bond;

n-n7, which can be the same or different, are an integer ranging from 0 to 5;

R^{I} , R^{II} , R^{III} , R^{IV} , and R^{V} , which can be the same or different, are a protective group for the nitrogen to which they are bound; $\text{CO}_2\text{R}^{\text{VI}}$; $\text{CO}_2\text{CH}_2\text{Ar}$; $\text{CO}_2(9\text{-fluorenylmethyl})$; $(\text{CH}_2)_{n5}\text{-NHCO}_2\text{R}^{\text{VI}}$; CH_2Ar ; COAr ; $(\text{CH}_2)_{n5}\text{-NHCO}_2\text{CH}_2\text{Ar}$; $(\text{CH}_2)_{n5}\text{-NHCO}_2\text{-(9-fluorenylmethyl)}$.

R^{VI} is a straight or branched ($\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6$) alkyl;

R^{VII} is H or $\text{R}^{\text{I}}\text{-R}^{\text{V}}$;

Ar is a $\text{C}_6\text{-C}_{12}$ aromatic residue, phenyl, optionally substituted with one or more groups selected from: halogen, hydroxy, $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_5$ alkyl, $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_5$ alkoxy, phenyl, cyano, nitro, $\text{-NR}^{\text{VIII}}\text{R}^{\text{IX}}$, where R^{VIII} and R^{IX} , which can be the same or different, are hydrogen, straight or branched ($\text{C}_1\text{-C}_5$) alkyl, or Ar is a heterocyclic group, said heterocyclic group containing at least one heteroatom selected from a nitrogen atom, optionally substituted with a ($\text{C}_1\text{-C}_5$) alkyl group, and/or oxygen and/or sulphur; said heterocycle can be substituted with one or more groups selected from halogen, hydroxy, $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_5$ alkyl, $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_5$ alkoxy, phenyl, cyano, nitro,

$\text{-NR}^{\text{VIII}}\text{R}^{\text{IX}}$, where R^{VIII} and R^{IX} , which can be the same or different, are hydrogen, straight or branched ($\text{C}_1\text{-C}_5$) alkyl, the N1-oxides, racemic mixtures, their individual

enantiomers, their individual diastereoisomers, the E and Z forms, their mixtures, and pharmaceutically acceptable salts.

16. (New) A compound according to claim 15, in which the protective groups are bulky groups of a lipophilic nature.

17. (New) A compound according to claim 15, in which the protective groups are selected from the group consisting of: $\text{CO}_2\text{R}^{\text{VI}}$; $\text{CO}_2\text{CH}_2\text{Ar}$; CO_2 -(9-fluorenylmethyl); $(\text{CH}_2)_{n5}$ - $\text{NH CO}_2\text{R}^{\text{VI}}$; $(\text{CH}_2)_{n5}$ - $\text{NHCO}_2\text{CH}_2\text{Ar}$; or $(\text{CH}_2)_{n5}$ - NHCO_2 -(9-fluorenylmethyl).

18. (New) A compound according to claim 17, in which the protective groups are selected from the group consisting of tert-butoxycarbonyl; benzyloxycarbonyl; and 9-fluorenylmethyloxycarbonyl.

19. (New) A compound according to claim 15, in which m is 0.

20. (New) A compound according to claim 19, selected from the group consisting of:
tert-butylester of 20S-(4-{[3-(7-camptothecinylidene-amino)-propyl]-tert-butoxycarbonyl-amino}-butyl)-(3-tert-butoxycarbonylaminopropyl)-carbamic acid;

tert-butylester of 20S-(4-{[3-(7-camptothecinylidene-amino)-propyl]-tert-butoxycarbonyl-amino}-butyl)-carbamic acid;

tert-butylester of 20S-[3-(7-camptothecinylidene-amino)-butyl]-carbamic acid; and

20S-7-[3-(N-tert-butoxycarbonylaminopropoxyimino-methyl)-camptothecin.

21. (New) A compound according to claim 15, in which m is 1.

22. (New) A compound according to claim 21, selected from the group consisting of:

tert-butylester of 20RS-(4-{[3-(7-homocamptothecinylidene-amino)-propyl]-
tert-butoxycarbonyl-amino}-butyl)-(3-tert-butoxycarbonylaminopropyl)-carbamic acid;

tert-butylester of 20RS-(4-{[3-(7-homocamptothecinylidene-amino)-propyl]-
tert-butoxycarbonyl-amino}-butyl)-carbamic acid;

tert-butylester of 20RS-[3-(7-homocamptothecinylidene-amino)-butyl]-carbamic
acid; and

20R,S-7-[3-(N-tert-butoxycarbonylamino)propoxyimino-methyl]-homocamptothecin.

23. (New) A pharmaceutical composition containing at least one compound according to
claim 15 as the active ingredient in admixture with at least one pharmaceutically acceptable
vehicle and/or excipient.

24. (New) A method of inhibiting topoisomerase comprising administering to a subject
in need of same an effective amount of a compound of claim 15.

25. (New) A method of treating cancer comprising administering to a subject in need of
same an effective amount of a compound of claim 15.

26. (New) A method of combating parasites comprising administering to a subject in
need of same an effective amount of a compound of claim 15.

27. (New) A method of treating a virus comprising administering to a subject in need of
same an effective amount of a compound of claim 15.